

## CONCERNED FOR BALLINGER

Friends Think He Should Have Counsel

THAT HIS SIDE MAY APPEAR

Gunning for Cannon Again—Corporation Tax Worries the Anxious—Visitors at the White House.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Republican leaders are becoming concerned over the testimony before the Pinchot-Ballinger commission bearing on Secretary Ballinger, and to the extent that they feel that he ought to be represented by counsel there and that it has been a mistake on the part of the secretary and his friends to have concluded that it would be unnecessary or undignified for him to be represented.

Pressure is to be brought to bear upon him to change his mind so as to have counsel at the investigations an able lawyer, who shall ask questions of the witnesses on matters requiring elucidation from the point of view of the secretary so that his side of the case may be brought into proper light and perspective. At present the investigation is taking the form of an ex parte hearing, in which the accusers are represented by able lawyers, who conduct the case so as to make it as damaging to Mr. Ballinger as possible, and the result on the public mind needs no explanation. Hence the alarm of Republican leaders, who feel that the party is being unnecessarily jeopardized by the character of the testimony adduced and not softened or altered in any way by cross-examination. That even the commission feels this way was shown by the leading questions. Chairman Nelson had to ask the witness Glavin Saturday, when a point was apparently siding by which could be made to speak in Mr. Ballinger's favor. Senator Crisp listened to the testimony part of the time Saturday afternoon.

The resolution of Champ Clark, the minority leader of the House, to request the committee on rules by increasing the membership to 15, the chairman of it to be elected by the committee itself and to revise the rules otherwise, serves to bring out into great prominence the movement in the House to clip the power of the speaker through his hold over this committee. It is really a serious proposition, and has momentum of large force in the Republican membership itself, and it would not be surprising if it should develop into a caucus, where, it is said, a motion would easily prevail to increase the membership of the committee to seven or nine, but that it would be quite another matter if the proposition should go so far as to humiliate the speaker by refusing him membership on the committee. This committee would be elected by the caucus and a larger membership would reduce materially, it is believed, the speaker's influence.

But in all, the chief motive for the movement seems to rest on the desire of many members of Congress to be able to show on the hustings this fall that this Congress, through them, had in a most substantial and regular way curbed the power of the speaker, and that speaker, Cannon.

Many letters are being received by members of Congress, and representations are also being made to the president for some ruling or change in the corporation tax law against the publicity requirements. The objections come mostly from private corporations, who among other reasons they advocate for a change say that they might be compelled to make a declaration of their affairs when in a critical but temporary difficulty, which on becoming known would drive them to failure. The justice of the complaint is recognized, but the difficulty is great to amend the law without impugning the whole tax. Then again, this was largely enacted to com-

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pol that publicity of the affairs of corporations which it is now sought to check or suppress.

Senator Hale of Maine saw the president for some time Saturday, and as he left the White House he declared that from his standpoint his senatorial prospects were ruining in fine weather. Two other callers, who had never before seen the president, were Senators Jeff Davis of Arkansas and Gordon of Mississippi, and both went away enamored. "Why, he is a fine fellow," said Davis, and Gordon remarked: "Down in Mississippi we look upon Taft as good enough for anybody, and being a Republican cuts no figure with them, and so I am seized of him politically, for he may play the mischief with the Democratic party."

**PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.**  
Naming Countries Entitled to the Minimum Rate.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The president Saturday issued a proclamation, in which it is declared that inasmuch as Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Egypt, Persia and Portugal do not unduly discriminate in their tariffs against goods imported from the United States, those countries are entitled to the minimum rate established by the Payne-Aldrich act.

In the case of Denmark the rate applies to all her colonies, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and the West Indian Islands, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. In the case of the Netherlands, the island of Curacao and of Dutch Guiana, but not the Dutch East Indian Islands. In the case of Belgium, only the mother country, and not the Congo, is included. Portugal includes the neighboring islands of Madeira and the Azores, but not her other colonies involved. In all other respects the proclamation is identical to that issued some days ago in the case of Italy.

**CANNON BAD ON FOREST WAR.**  
Ex-Gov. Guild Calls Uncle Joe Unprogressive.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 31.—Curtis Guild, Jr., former governor of Massachusetts, now president of the National Forestry association, was the guest of the Detroit Society of the American Revolution Saturday afternoon. In an after-dinner chat on the forest conservation question Mr. Guild paid his respects to Speaker Cannon on the latter's attitude in the Appalachian forest reserve affairs.

"The one great force that has done more than any other to blight the efforts made for forestry is Joseph G. Cannon," he said. "He is a standstill, reactionary, unprogressive and opposed to every conservation scheme that does not further his own narrow interests. It was he whose opposition to the Appalachian forest reserve bill caused all the trouble."

Mr. Cannon says the Appalachian forest reserve bill is unconstitutional. Of course that is absurd on the face of it, and no one takes any stock in it."

**MAY REVISE CANNON RULES.**  
Would Enlarge Committee Beyond His Control.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The many-angled fight in the House of Representatives over the question of revising the rules of that body took a new turn and assumed additional importance when Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, the leader of the minority, introduced a resolution just before the end of Saturday's session, providing for the election by the House of a new rules committee of 15 members.

Special significance attaches to the Clark resolution because Mr. Clark is himself a member of the present rules committee. Provision is made in the resolution to "revise, amend, simplify and codify the present rules of the House and report to the House at the earliest day practicable."

The resolution contains nothing about the removal, but the last section of it provides that the "committee on rules appointed by the speaker at the last session of the 61st Congress shall no longer exercise the power and functions of the rules committee."

## SERIOUS WRECK NEAR LONDON

Eight Dead, a Score Injured in the Crash

TRAIN SMASHES STATION

Different Theories as to the Cause—Former American Consul-General Helps to Aid the Injured.

London, Jan. 31.—One of the most serious railway accidents in England since the disaster to the steamer train at Salisbury in July, 1906, when many Americans lost their lives, occurred at Stouts Nest station, near London, on the London and Brighton railway Saturday.

Eight dead and about 30 injured were taken from the wreck. Two third-class cars and a Pullman of a train from Brighton, traveling at a speed of 40 miles an hour, dashed into the station.

The third-class cars were completely wrecked and the building was demolished. The Pullman was thrown violently into the air, but was comparatively little damaged. Its passengers escaped with minor injuries.

Robert J. Wynne, the former American consul-general at London, who was in the Pullman, escaped uninjured and helped to assist the wounded.

Accounts as to the cause of the accident differ. One says that it was due to the derailment of a portion of the train, which jumped the points where the branch joins the line just outside the station.

Another account attributes the cause to the breaking of the coupling between the first and second cars. Two third-class cars reared almost on their ends and toppled over on the platform, bringing down a mass of iron girders and timbers from the station with a tremendous crash.

Mr. Wynne, in describing the accident said:—

"We were passing through Stouts Nest at a rapid pace, when suddenly a part of the train jumped the rails and began to tear along the track on its side. The car in which I was seated rocked so violently that many things were smashed. The passengers were preparing to escape when the car stopped with a crash."

"I looked out of the window and saw a man lying dead near the wheels. I got out and helped to pull another man from a ditch. He died before a doctor arrived."

"We found two more dead and a woman breathing her last. The third-class cars were lying on their sides, having been thrown against the stone embankments and were smashed to tinder."

Mr. Wynne thought that the breaking of a coupling caused the accident. Doctors, ambulance detachments and boy scouts with stretchers soon appeared. The critically injured were taken to a local hospital, while the others were brought to London.

**CHARGES AGAINST GOV. HASKELL.**  
Republican Representative Finds Fault with His Expenditure.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 31.—Charges that Gov. Charles N. Haskell and other state officials had violated the state constitution and the laws of the state in the manner in which public moneys had been expended, were filed Saturday in the lower house of the legislature by Representative L. P. Maris, representing the Republican minority.

In general the charges against Gov. Haskell are that he mismanaged the public funds under his control, in whole or in part, and has wilfully and designedly authorized the misapplication of said funds. The last legislature appropriated \$5000 to be expended under the direction of the governor in the auditing of territorial accounts. In his affidavit, Representative Maris charges that Gov. Haskell paid nearly \$2100 of this fund to a private detective, who, Mr. Maris charges, is not an accountant.

The legislature also appropriated \$3000 to be used by the governor in paying for investigating committees and the traveling expenses of delegates to various national conventions. The governor is charged with paying this sum to the private detective also.

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Polite Whispers to Boxy Ordered by Dutchess County Medical Society. The Farmers and Daymen Are Indignant.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 31.—The farmers and daymen of Dutchess county are indignant over a rule made by the milk commission of the Dutchess County Medical society, which will deprive them of the endorsement of the society if they swear or talk loudly in the cows' stables during milking hours.

The new rules require also that every cow shall be washed and groomed before being milked and that the hair on the cows' tails must be cut short, cats and dogs must be excluded from the stables and no spectators may witness the milking.

The daymen balk at the order for whippers and gentle pats for stubborn bosses, and local consumers fear another increase in the price of milk.

**DOUGHNUTS CAUSE A LIVELY FIRE.**  
Wife Being Away, Webster Tries Hand at Cooking.

Fair Haven, Jan. 31.—Round, appetizing doughnuts of the home-made variety, the thought of which had been persistent in the mind of Henry Webster since his wife left home recently for a visit, constituted the primary cause of a \$3000 blaze Friday, when that worthy man tried his hand.

After the local fire department got through with Webster's house there was a mixture of water, ashes and other wreckage in the place extensive enough to make him taboo the thought of doughnuts forever and tremble to cogitate over what will happen to him when his better half beholds the ruins of her kitchen.

There is no consolation for him in the fact that if Webster had been watching as he should have, the disaster might—but what's the use. A few savory smelling sponges had developed to the proper consistency and color when Webster, it appears, stepped into another room and sat down to see how they tasted. Meanwhile the remaining doughnuts cooked to more than a turn, and the fat boiled over and did the rest.

Not fat, according to Webster's expensive gained knowledge, does not associate amicably with warm stove covers, and when Webster returned the blazing grease had become closely allied with the wooden partitions nearby, the fire having climbed into the second floor.

Then Webster summoned the hose company.

**COOLIDGE GIRL WEDS IN PARIS.**  
Ray Atherton Takes Bride Despite Parental Objection.

Paris, Jan. 31.—David H. Coolidge, the landscape architect of Boston, has been presented by his daughter, Constance, with a son-in-law.

Mr. Coolidge and his daughter, who is just 18, have been in Europe for two years. While she was studying languages in Paris, she met Ray Atherton, the son of Mrs. George Atherton of 197 Beacon street, Boston, who is considered the best of the Beaux Arts schools, where he is studying architecture.

It was a case of love at first sight, but when young Atherton came to ask permission of Mr. Coolidge the latter assumed a stern parental attitude and insisted that they wait a year, during which time he would take his daughter to America.

But the eternity of a year seemed too great for Atherton, so while the Coolidges were touring Germany he gave permission in three weeks' notice for a license and although Mr. Coolidge and the daughter did not arrive in Paris until Tuesday morning it was only a little after noon of the same day that Atherton presented himself and bride before the astonished father for his parental blessing.

But all is forgiven, Mr. Coolidge will return to America in a few days and the couple are stopping at the Hotel Castiglione.

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But Danger is Still Great in Paris

COUNTRY BELOW SUFFERS

Inhabitants Jubilant, and Streets Had the Appearance of National Celebration Yesterday, When Everyone Was Out.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Central Paris yesterday had the appearance of celebrating a joyous national holiday rather than mourning an incalculable disaster. Brilliant weather added to reports of the consistent recession of the floods excited the spirit of the Parisians to a high pitch of gaiety and everybody was outdoors. Scores of thousands swarmed jubilantly to the quaysides, suggesting a gigantic gathering of tourists. The crush of wheeled traffic was tremendous and every cab or other vehicle that could be hired seemed to be in the streets, together with a large number of private automobiles.

The riverside seemed to be everyone's goal, and every evidence of the subsidence of the water was eagerly scanned and discussed. The troops were considerably taxed to restrain the eagerness of the crowds. Three of the closed bridges were reopened, and none of them seems to have suffered in stability. If the decline continues as it did yesterday, all will be well; but there are likely to be fluctuations.

Meanwhile, conditions in the city are not greatly improved. There have been sudden disappearances of water in some sections and new encroachments in others. The underground railway station at the Square due Temple was suddenly almost swamped yesterday, the water reaching a depth of nearly 24 feet. The central markets, too, were invaded yesterday, and a quantity of provisions damaged, while the basement of the Louvre department store suffered similarly. The depth of water in the Place de l'Opera increased and ominous cracks were visible in the immediate neighborhood of the opera house. On the other hand, the lake in front of the St. Lazare station is diminishing and the Faubourg St. Antoine is getting dry, but underground Paris is still full of water.

The misery of the refugees and householders generally is not mitigated and the gravity of the situation not greatly relieved.

**AID FROM MASSACHUSETTS.**  
Fifty Thousand Dollars Promptly Sent.

Boston, Jan. 31.—The people of Massachusetts sent a preliminary contribution of \$50,000 to the Paris flood sufferers Saturday, as the initial step toward raising a relief fund. The money was cabled at 11 a. m., as the result of a meeting at the State House of representative business men called there by Gov. Draper. Nearly two score of well-known citizens were present. Bernard J. Rothwell, president of the chamber of commerce, was at once made chairman of the general committee, with Edmund Billings, who handled the Massachusetts relief fund in Sicily, as secretary. Within a quarter of an hour, those present had guaranteed \$30,000, and an hour later the funds were available for use in Paris.

**River Rising in Rome.**  
Rome, Jan. 31.—Bad weather returned to Rome Saturday. Rain fell and the river began to rise once more. Fresh floods are feared. King Victor Emmanuel has telegraphed an expression of sympathy for the flood sufferers to President Fallieres of France.

**TALE OF MURDER A BLUFF.**  
Hall Dodged Penalty by Not Swearing to "Confession."

Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 31.—While prisoners in the navy have conceded many schemes to avoid work and gain freedom, none of them ever succeeded in fooling the government to such an extent as James E. Hall, who confessed he was the murderer of Anna Schumacher at Rochester, N. Y.

For months Hall has been talking his plans over with his new comrades and what he did not think of in carrying out the bluff they supplied him stronger.

Where the prisoner had the advantage of both the naval and civil authorities was that his confession, although signed by himself, was never sworn to by the cute convict.

Since he was removed from the ship here the matter has caused many a hearty laugh among naval officers, who say the government cannot arrest Hall any more than it could pick up any civilian off the street as the dishonorable discharge he carries clears him entirely from the matter of arrest.

Hall was once before "hobnobbed" from the service as an undesirable at Newport for selling his sailor uniform while under the influence of liquor.

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## LIBERALS IN BETTER HEART

Have Majority of 40 Without the Irish

BUDGET FIRST, THEN LORDS

The Program for the Renewed Government—Certain Concessions to Be Made to the Irish in the Second Budget.


London, Jan. 31.—The week closed with the Liberals in better heart, as a result of their gradually swelling total in the British general elections. They emphasize the fact that with the Laborites the government's purely British majority will be 40. The fact that Premier Asquith and Chancellor Lloyd-George are taking a brief holiday, after a short conference Saturday, is further reassuring to the ministerialists, who see in this an evidence of harmony in the cabinet.

It is notable also that the more moderate opinion, which a few days ago echoed the conservative suggestions of a conference on the subject of the House of Lords, has now come into line, the extremists declaring that it is the government's first duty to pass the budget at once and then take up the matter of the Lords. There is no question that the plowing of sands by the introduction of legislation would likely be barren. At the same time it is hinted that the second budget, which is due to be presented immediately after the first is passed, will contain concessions to the Irish, in the reduction of spirit taxes, and to the imperialists by an increase in the navy, for which probably \$25,000,000 will be voted.

The Unionists are confident that the government will be plunged into difficulties from the outset by the Laborites, who are certain to reintroduce their "right to work" bill, which was rejected by the government in the last session.

**TO GET RESULTS.**  
Pres. John Thomas of Middlebury College Tells New York Alumni.

New York, Jan. 29.—Pres. John Thomas of Middlebury college of Vermont does not believe that it is part of his business to camp on the front doorstep of Mr. Rockefeller. "My work," he told Middlebury graduates of New York last night, at their annual banquet, "is to secure results from what I have by sound business methods. Our dormitories are now returning a per cent. on their valuation. The income from tuition has been multiplied eight times in two years."



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